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Subject:—

Ferry

Criminal breach of agreement in connection with the playing of launch service at— Kodibag Sadashivgad ferry.

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G. R., G. D., No. 2403, dated 22-6-[illegible]

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DOCKET SHEET

Subject:— Criminal Breach of Agreement re. Kodibag Sadashivgad Ferry.

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References:—

Date.	To whom sent.	Notes and instructions.

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Pl. see Shri Karbekar's letter within.

2. The Ex. Engr., Kanara Dn. may be requested to offer his remarks in the matter thro' the Collr. of Kanara.

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[Below letter[s] of the 11-3-52 from Shri S.M. Kasbekar re. criminal breach of agreement in connection with the plying of launch service at Kodibag - Sadashivgad ferry]

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P.W.D.,
B.C. (Bombay No. 1)
8th April 1952

Forwarded to the Ex. Engr, Kanara Div. for favour of report thro' the Collr. of Kanara.

By order etc.

J.A.S.

Issued 8/4/52

Copy forwarded for info to the Collr. of Kanara

8/4/52

Public Works Department
Bombay Castle (Bombay no. 1)

[G. G. D., No. 1013, dated 16-8-37.]

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No. FRR 3452

31st March 1952

The Undersigned

has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication, dated 11-3-52 which is receiving attention.

~~which has been forwarded to for direct disposal.~~

~~Please quote reference No. in all further correspondence with this office on the subject.~~

~~or~~

~~Please address your further enquiries, if any, to that Officer in this connection in future.~~

Subject:— Plying of Launch Service at Kadibag-Sadashivgad Ferry

Yours faithfully,

Superintendent, Public Works Department

Notified 3-4-52
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O.H.M.S.

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SERVICE INDIA

Shri S.M. Kasbekar

To Sadashivgad Taluka Kanara

Sender M 1514

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Clerk. Clerk

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The Post & Authorities have returned the Ack. memo., addressed to Shri Kasbekar, as the addressee is not found. Shri Kasbekar's letter (which was acked) has been forwarded to the Ex. Engr., Kanara Div. The address on the ack. memo. was the same as was written on Shri Kasbekar's application. Apparently the application was pseudonymous.

Ack memo p 5

Article 4 E at f. 3 ante

2. The Ex. Engr., Kanara Div's letter report called

called for under P 3 G.E. No. FRR 3452-M, of the 8-4-52 may be awaited

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Extended the E.E. leave Dr.

under No. FRR 3451-M dt. the 27 May 52.

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Submitted.

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The Honourable Minister,
P.W.D. Bombay.

Humble petition of Shri S.M.Kasbekar resident of Sadashivgad taluka Karwar, Dist.NaKanara regarding criminal breach of agreement in connection with the plying of launch service at Kodibag Sadashivgad ferry.

The petitioner remorsefully begs to point out the following glaring black mails operated by the present ferry contractor Shri V.L.Kalgutkar of Sadashivgad ferry under the protective hidden hand of Shri D.A. Kamat ,head clerk ,P.W.D.Karwar which have added further smear of coal tar to the already spoiled fair name of the present Nehru Government.

The ferry contractor is not at all abiding by any of the conditions of ferry contract inspite of repeated public complaints.He is causing untold harrasment to the public indescriminately even for a small suit case.He is frequently engaging the ferry launches to other bodies viz. B.S.N.Co. and Devgad trips and for plying smuggled gold and liquor from Goa shore to our territory by sea during nights.Such scenes are frequently noticed by the public which makes one think that the motive behind his ferry contract is to smuggle gold and liquor from Goa.

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During the last visit of Shri Jochim Alva the newly elected member of M.P. , the above black mails were personally detected and experienced by him on spot and he told some of the harrassed people who approached him with the grievances that he would take immediate steps to redress the grievances.But so far no action appear to have been taken in the matter.

The original contract period was 3 years but the contractor is now trying to move Government to extend the period to 7 years to strengthen the smuggling racket and also to raise the ferry toll of passengers from 0-0-9 to 0-1-6 unauthorisedly under the crucked direction of Shri D.A.Kamat head clerk who has received from him about 11 tolas of smuggled Goa gold and other smuggled goods for the forthcoming marriage of his daughter.

Since Shri D.A.Kamat has a deep hand in the above black mail and acting as the contractor's solicitor and trying to hush up the blackmail,I request your goodself to conduct a Confidential and private enquiry in the matter by appointing an intelligence officer having no connection with the local P.W.D. authorities and take drastic steps against the defaulters.

Yours faithfully,

Karwar
D 11-3-1952

Sd/ S.M.Kasbekar.

Copy to Shri Jochim Alva ,Editor Forum
Bombay.

No.G-59/Confidential

Office of the Ex.Engr.Asst
Karwar 2nd June 1952.

To

The Chief Engineer,
Government of Bombay,
Public Works Department,
B O M B A Y.

Subject:-Criminal breach of agreement in connection with the plying of launch service at Kodibag Sadashivgad ferry.

Reference:-Govt.Endt.No.F.R.R. 3452/Confdl. of 8-4-1952.

To enable me to go into the allegations made in the letter dated 11-3-1952,Shri S..Kasbekar was written to under Registered A.D. cover to call on me in the Divisional office at Karwar on 2-4-1952 for discussing the matters with him personally but it may be pointed out here that he did not turn up on that day or any other day after that date.The postal authorities have returned the envelope addressed to Shri Kasbekar,with the superscription that there is no man by that name in that area- which bears proof to the fact that the application is a psedonymous one as expected.

2 As regards the allegations against the ferry farmer that he is engaged in blackmarketing etc.,it would have been better if the applicant had quoted some specific instances and personally given information to the Departments concerned.However I have to add that so far nothing has been heard by me from any other quarter- except this psedonymous application.I have not heard of any cases pending in any Courts against the ferry farmer on account of smuggling of articles from Goa, No such complaints either written or verbal,have been made to me or the Sub-Divisional Officer Karwar on this account by any of the public,so far.This psedonymous letter leads me to the conclusion that some persons having personal animosity with the ferry farmer must have been playing this sort of mischief to try to bring the ferry farmer into trouble.

3 The working of the ferry is supervised by a special Tindel who is at the ferry throughout the working hours.Its working is also looked after by the overseer of Sadashivgad section and the Sub-Divisional Officer Karwar P. .B. None of these officers have ever reported of any such doubts against the ferry farmer. Shri Kalgutkar is not the contractor for this ferry for the first time but he had been the contractor for some years in the past.As can be seen from the past records there are no complaints against him.As far as this Department is concerned the ferry farmer has been running the ferry service satisfactorily so far ,to the convenience of the public.

4 As regards the allegation that Shri Kamat has a hand in the ferry farmers blackmarketing etc. I have to state that I have no reasons to doubt his honesty since I have found him to be a sincere and honest worker during my tenure of two years service in this Division and the allegations are therefore unfounded,and have absolutely no bearing on the subject.

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Executive Engineer,
Kanara Division.

Through:- The Collector of Kanara, Karwar
with compliments.

Copy in advance forwarded with compli
ments to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department,
Bombay.

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Submitted with ref. to C.E. No FRR 3452-M, dt. the 8-4-52.

2 The Ex Engr., Kannur is requested to furnish an advance copy of this report, which he has submitted thro' the Collr. of Kannur. The receipt of the report thro' the Collr. may, therefore be awaited.

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Expedited the Collr. of Kanara under No. FRR 3452-M, of the 4th July 1952

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To The Honourable Minister P.W.D. Bombay.

Humble petition of Shri S.M. Kankekar
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Recd on 24/5/52

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V.S. Kalgutkar

Kanwar
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Copy to Shri Jokim Alva Editor Forum, Bombay

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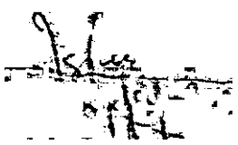

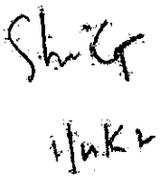

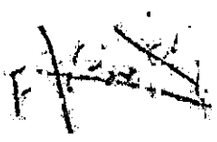

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Office of the Ex.Engr.Kan.Di
Karwar 2nd June 1952.

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Public Works Department,
B O M B A Y.

Subject:-Criminal breach of agreement in connection with the plying of launch service at Kodibag Sadashivgad ferry.

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Executive Engineer,
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Through: The Collector of Kanara, Karwar
with compliments.

Copy in advance forwarded with compliments to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Bombay.

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No. O/A-
Karwar, 30-6-1952.

Passed on with compliments.

Collector of Kanara.

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Serial No. 6251/4

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In this letter dt. the 11-3-52, addressed to the Ch. (P.W.D.), this S.M. Kasbekar had made certain allegations re. breach of agreement in connexion with the plying of launch service at Kudlbag - Sadashivgad ferry, committed by the ferry contractor, under the protection of Shri. D.A. Kamat, Head Clerk, P.W.D., Karwar

2. The Ex. Engr., Kanara Dn., whose report was called for, he tried to contact the applicant, and addressed him by a registered letter. The envelope was returned by the Postal authorities with the remark that there is no man by the name of S.M. Kasbekar in that area. It may also be mentioned that the Acknowledgement Forms sent by this Deptt. to Shri Kasbekar was also returned by the Postal authorities with the remark "not found". All this shows that the application addressed to the Ch. (P.W.D.) was pseudonymous.

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3. The Ex. Engr. has refuted all the ~~allegations~~ allegations against the ferry farmer and against this Kanungo. In view of this, and particularly in view of the fact that the application was pseudonymous, no further action is called for on these papers.

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